

Water Safety for Residents Under Boil Water Orders

If you are notified of a “boil water” order for your area by your local water district or news media, please take the following safety precautions to purify your water for food preparation and drinking.

Preferred Method of Purification

- Bring all water to a boil, **let it boil for one (1) minute**, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking and food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

Alternative methods of purification for residents that do not have gas or electricity available:

- Use fresh liquid household bleach (Chlorox, Purex, etc.). To do so, add 8 drops (or 1/4 teaspoon) of bleach per gallon of clear water or 16 drops (or 1/2 teaspoon) per gallon of cloudy water, mix thoroughly, and allow to stand for 30 minutes before using. A chlorine-like taste and odor will result from this purification procedure and is an indication that adequate disinfection has taken place.
- Water purification tablets may also be used by following the manufacturer’s instructions.

You will be informed when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly.